

Contending & Pleading

Job 9

1. Some truth in Bildad's statements

- a. **Job 9.2** - I know it is so of a truth
- b. misapplication of what is right
- c. two attitudes - contending and pleading with God

2. Who can contend with God

- a. **Job 9.2** - how should man be just with God
- b. **Psm 143.1-2** - for in thy sight shall no man living be justified
- c. **Rom 3.23** - all have sinned and fallen short

3. Hardness against God

- a. **Job 9.4** - who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered
- b. **Rom 2.5-6** - treasurest up unto thyself wrath
- c. **Heb 3.13** - But exhort one another daily

4. The power of God

- a. **Job 9.5** - removeth the mountains
- b. **Job 9.6** - shaketh the earth
- c. **Job 9.7** - commandeth the sun .. seaeth the stars
- d. **Job 9.8** - spreadeth out the heavens .. treadeth upon the waves
- e. **Job 9.10** - Which doeth great things past finding out
- f. **Job 9.13-14** - If God will not withdraw his anger

5. Acknowledgment of mortality

- a. **Job 9.15** - though I were righteous, yet would I not answer
- b. **Isa 64.6** - But we are all as an unclean thing
- c. **Job 9.28** - I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent
- d. **Job 9.20** - mine own mouth shall condemn me

6. A time to plead

- a. **Job 9.19** - who shall set me a time to plead
- b. **Prov 21.29** - but as for the upright, he directeth his way
- c. **Heb 4.7** - To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts

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2. Who can contend with God

Job 9.2 - I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

Psm 143.1-2 - Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. 2: And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Rom 3.23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

3. Hardness against God

Job 9.4 - He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

Rom 2.5-6 - But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6: Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Heb 3.13 - But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

4. The power of God

Job 9.5 - Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

Job 9.6 - Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

Job 9.7 - Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealet up the stars.

Job 9.8 - Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea

Job 9.10 - Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

Job 9.13-14 - If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him. 14: How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

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Job 9.15 - Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

Isa 64.6 - But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Job 9.28 - I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

Job 9.20 - If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

6. A time to plead

Job 9.19 - If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

Prov 21.29 - A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

Heb 4.7 - Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.